

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for exchanging automotive information between at least two automotive trading partners engaged in an automotive transaction, comprising:

a translation system for translating a transaction element sent from a first trading partner intended for a second trading partner specified by the first trading partner, the transaction element being translated from a proprietary schema of the first trading partner into a universal schema and from the universal schema into a proprietary schema of the second trading partner; wherein translation of the transaction element comprises translating ~~data content~~, a data format and an application format of the transaction element;

a routing system for routing the transaction element from the first trading partner in a first communication protocol to the second trading partner in a second different communication protocol of the second trading partner; and

a transaction management system for tracking a status of the transaction element.

2. (Previously Presented) The automotive information exchange system of claim 1, further comprising a mapping system for mapping the transaction element, wherein the mapping system includes a system for determining: a source of the transaction element, an application to which the transaction element is regarding, and a recipient to which the transaction element should be routed.

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